

**Town of Crested Butte  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Mission & Values Statement**

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Department is to provide high quality year-round recreational programming and amenities for the residents and visitors of the Upper East River Valley.

**Values Statement**

Our values include providing access for all, regardless of ability or income; promoting healthy lifestyles; responsible stewardship of public amenities; responsible fiscal management of public funding; enhancing and supporting regional economic vitality; providing opportunities for community connection; enriching quality of life; and emphasizing fair play and sportsmanship at all levels.

The goals of the Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Department are as follows:

- 1) Provide safe park space and recreation programs for youth and adults.
- 2) Meet the parks and recreational needs of our growing and dynamic community.
- 3) Enhance and support current amenities while looking toward future needs.
- 4) Advocate for sufficient recreational amenities and no loss of recreational amenities during times of growth and or annexation.
- 5) Develop and manage park space with respect for the natural environment.

The objectives required to reach our goals are as follows:

- 1) Meet and exceed safety standards set forth by the parks and recreation industry, pertinent sports leagues and known best practices.
- 2) Remain in touch with community needs and trends in recreational programming while remaining responsible to fiscal realities.
- 3) Continue to apply long term vision to short term needs. Not every eventuality can be anticipated, but a well-planned parks and recreation program will best serve the community.
- 4) Participate in community planning meetings to be aware of parks and recreation opportunities and challenges associated with future development.
- 5) Monitor environmental risks and mitigate those risks through appropriate irrigation, weed control and use of native plants where appropriate. Current and future park space should complement and enhance existing natural setting.

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